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SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIAN NAVAL EXPANSION PROGRAM (SNEP)

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE
DATED NOVEMBER 8 FROM DOD/ISA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
NOYES TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION PRINCE SULTAN
(SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED YOU THROUGH DEPARTMENT
FACILITIES).

2. QUOTE: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR DESIRE FOR A REPORT CONCERNING
THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY THE
COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE, THE FOLLOWING
REPRESENTS THE U.S. NAVY UNDERSTANDING OF SUBSTANTIVE
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EVENTS AND OF WHAT REMAINS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER SAJA AND THE U.S. NAVY REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE U.S. NAVY WILL PROVIDE ALL FUTURE EQUIPMENT PRICE ESTIMATES UPON COMPLETION OF NORMAL FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND COST ESTIMATING PROCESSES.

B. THE U.S. NAVAL SHIP SYSTEMS COMMAND WILL USE THE LIMITED SOURCE PROCUREMENT METHOD OF CONTRACTING FOR ALL ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE SHIPBUILDING CONTRACTS TO ACCOMMODATE PARTICULAR SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS.

C. THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH AS MUCH TECHNICAL INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE VARIOUS EQUIPMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SAUDI NAVAL EXPANSION PROGRAM.

D. COPIES OF ALL MATERIALS, SUCH AS FEASIBILITY STUDIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE UPON COMPLETION OF THE STUDY PROCESS.

E. THE U.S. NAVY AGREED TO SEVERAL POINTS RAISED BY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER SAJA CONCERNING, IN HIS VIEW, BETTER UTILIZATION OF THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON.

F. THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE BELIEVES THAT NOT ENOUGH ACCOUNTING INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION IS BEING RECEIVED FROM NAVILCO. THE U.S. NAVY WILL ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WHERE NECESSARY.

IT IS THE OPINION OF THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE THAT THE SEPTEMBER 1973 U.S. NAVY FORCE MIX PROPOSAL WOULD NEGATE OR, AT LEAST REDUCE THEIR CAPABILITY OF COUNTERING A HOSTILE AIR OR SUB-SURFACE THREAT; AND THAT SHIP OPERATING RANGES WILL BE REDUCED SOMEWHAT. THE U.S. NAVY CONCEDES CONFIDENTIAL

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ONLY TO A DEFERMENT OF ANTI-SUBMARINE CAPABILITY. WITH THE ABOVE POINTS IN MIND, THEREFORE, THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE PROPOSED AN AFLOAT FORCE MIX OF FOUR PCG'S; NINE PGG'S; 4 MSC'S; AND 2 LCU'S. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD ENABLE THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE TO MAINTAIN AN ANTI-SUBMARINE CAPABILITY.

WE ASSUME THAT LIEUTENANT COMMANDER SAJA HAS DISCUSSED

THIS NEW AFLOAT FORCE MIX WITH YOU. WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE AWARE, IF YOU ARE NOT NOW, THAT THIS MIX WILL EXCEED YOUR PREVIOUSLY STATED COST POSITION. AS YOU KNOW, THE PCG'S AND THE PGG'S WILL REQUIRE FEASIBILITY STUDIES. ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE GUIDANCE TO THE USN FOR SUCH STUDIES INDICATED THAT THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AND STUDIED HULLS WILL BE USED, BUT THAT FOR STUDY PURPOSES, WE SHOULD USE THE COMBINED DIESEL OR GAS TURBINE PROPULSION (CODOG), THE ADVANCED WEAPONS SUIT; AND, FOR THE PCG'S, A LONG RANGE AIR SEARCH RADAR. THESE FORMAL STUDIES WHICH WERE AUTHORIZED BY RSNF ON 29 OCTOBER 1973 WILL TAKE SIX WEEKS TO COMPLETE AND WILL COST 21,500 DOLS. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD COMMUNICATE YOUR CONCURRENCE IN THE ABOVE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF THE PRESENT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CASE (FMS CASE GAE), IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO INCLUDE PERSONNEL WITH THE NECESSARY EXPERTISE TO PROPERLY SUPERVISE ALL TECHNICAL PHASES OF SHIP ACQUISITION FOR THE SAUDI NAVAL EXPANSION PROGRAM WHICH CAPTAIN COLEMAN'S OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE NOW. IN ORDER FOR THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE TO RECEIVE THE FULL ADVANTAGE OF SHIP ACQUISITION EXPERTISE WITHIN THE U.S. NAVY, THE SCOPE OF FMS CASE GAE MUST BE EXPANDED. THIS PROPOSAL IN NO WAY IMPLIES OPENING ANOTHER PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CASE. IT IS STRICTLY A MATTER OF AMENDING THE PRESENT CASE TO INCLUDE THESE NEW PERSONNEL.

UPON HIS DEPARTURE, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER SAJA STATED THAT HE HAD GAINED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. NAVY PROCEDURES AND THAT THERE WAS A GOOD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. I BELIEVE THAT THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WAS EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL AND SERVED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE U.S. NAVY'S DESIRE TO ASSIST THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCE, IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE, TO BECOME A MORE VIABLE FORCE IN THE WATERS ADJACENT TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY BEST WISHES AND CONTINUED HIGH ESTEEM. SINCERELY YOURS, JAMES H. NOYES, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, NEAR EASTERN, SOUTH ASIAN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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